



Small Group Discussion Guide

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America Was Founded on Faith

As the greatest nation in the free world, America will celebrate 250 years of freedom this July—freedom rooted in the belief that civil law must be anchored in the moral law of Scripture. Our nation's founders shaped the framework of our government based on biblical principles. This includes the three branches of our government (judicial, legislative, and executive), which reflect Isaiah 33:22: *For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king* (KJV).

The story of America is one of men and women marked by faith, courage, and conviction. We bear a responsibility to ensure the battles fought, lives lost, and sacrifices made to secure our freedom were not in vain. Now is the time to seek a great awakening and restore American culture to its biblical foundations.

Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV®)

*Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- Pastor McCoy pointed out that the scripture says to "make disciples" not "converts." What is the difference? How can we help someone move from being a "convert" (a new believer) to a life-long disciple of Jesus?
- The verse above states that we are to teach people to obey God, yet only one out of every 1,000 Christians knows the Ten Commandments. Can you name the Ten Commandments?
Read Exodus 20:1–17 aloud as a group.

"A nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal—that didn't come out of thin air. That came out of the realization that there's a God we're accountable to, and we're accountable to each other." — Pastor McCoy

- Pastor McCoy discussed many ways Christians have influenced our nation, from its founding until recent times. List some of them. What would have happened if these people took an easier path to avoid conflict and disagreements? What will happen if we decide to stay silent in our generation?

*“The Constitution doesn’t give us rights but protects us from elected officials usurping rights from God.”
— Pastor Rob McCoy*

- What examples do you see of current civil law standing in direct opposition to the moral law of the Bible? What can you do to stand for biblical principles?

The First Amendment in the Bill of Rights states, **“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;...”** Even so, Pastor McCoy reminded us, *“The Constitution doesn’t give us rights. Rights come from God.”*

- How are those around you relying on the law of this land instead of the laws of our King, Jesus Christ?
- Why do you think so many Americans are unaware of our nation’s biblical roots? What can you do to help those in your circle of influence learn some of the basics shared by Pastor McCoy?
- What is the difference between an awakening and a revival? What evidence do you see of either around you? How can you pray for both?

“America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.” — Pastor Rob McCoy

- What does this statement mean to you? What kinds of things can we do to bring more of God’s goodness into our neighborhoods, schools, community, and nation this week?
- What does freedom mean to you? What do you see your role being in ensuring that future generations maintain the same freedoms we enjoy?
- Do you regularly pray for our nation? If not, now is the time to start! Make a commitment to pray each day for our land and leaders.

Prayer

Lord thank You for our nation—a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Lord, please have mercy on us and grant this nation a new birth of freedom, that our government—from the people, by the people, and for the people—shall not perish from the face of the earth. Lord, give us courage to step into difficult places to proclaim Your truth and protect our freedoms for future generations. Use us, Lord. Have mercy on our land. In Jesus’ name, amen.